



One Hundred First Legislature - Second Session - 2010  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 1028**

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**Chairperson:** Greg Adams  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 23, 2010

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1028 amends section 79-902, Reissue revised Statutes of Nebraska to adopt the Charter Schools Act to create charter schools in Nebraska. The charter school reports directly to the State Board of Education, not under the jurisdiction of a school board as defined in section 79-101, and operated pursuant to a charter issued under the act.

An Applicant:

- consists of a group of at least three Nebraska residents or a Nebraska non-profit organization;
- must apply by January 1st;
- must serve the minimum number of five Pre-K-8 grade students set by the legislation;
- must be located more than seven miles from the nearest local school district attendance site;
- must include notarized letters of intent signed by parents who intend to send their children to the charter school;
- must include a notarized document signed by at least one certified teacher who agrees to teach in the charter school and accept responsibility for completing reports to the Nebraska Department of Education.

A group of at least three Nebraska residents or a Nebraska nonprofit organization may apply to operate a charter school.

Charter schools will receive 100% of the district's average cost per elementary pupil, times the number of pupils attending the charter school.

Notarized letters of intent signed by parents who intend to send their children to the charter school, indicating that the charter school will serve no fewer than five students in pre-kindergarten through grade eight is required.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator LeRoy J. Loudon**